



Figure 1. How racial disparities in health outcomes arise.

“Race”-associated differences in health outcomes arise at three distinct levels:

- Differences by “race” in the social and physical environment that result in differences in life opportunities and life experiences, and manifest as baseline differences in individual and population health status.
- Differences by “race” in access to health care, including both preventive and curative care.
- Differences by “race” in the quality of care received within the health care system.